

# Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

April 7, 2022 at 7:30

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Ann Chamberlain, Jess Hodgson, Ryan Tauer, Alli Weaver, Brad Willis, Chris Halgren, Jeremy Jackson, Joe Howe

Members Absent : Lonnie Provencher, Mac Noland

## Votes - Items needing board approval

- 12A: Jaxon Johnson - Jeremy
  - Jerney received a call from Joe Johnson regarding the possibility of Jaxon playing on the 11AA team. Reasons given were that birth date allows to play either; other 12U players went to Eastview; and there was a miscommunication within the family of what age to register him in.
  - VAA policy is once a participant is placed on a team roster, the placement is final
  - After discussion, board decided that Jaxon should remain on the 12A team per VAA policy
- VAA Night / AVHS - Jeremy
  - Proposed date of April 28th; AVHS vs. Prior Lake
    - Jeremy to connect with HS Booster Club
  - Baseball Boosters to handle to planning
- TeamSnap for All Teams — Annie
  - Proposal for the board to pay for coaches' use of team snap during the 4-month season
    - Costs about \$10 per month and would be a good gesture to our coaches who already volunteer a ton of time to our program
    - \$40 per team is roughly \$400
  - **Motion:** Does board approve plan to allow coaches to submit reimbursement up to 4 months of the \$10 per month version of TeamSnap for 2022 season?
    - **Unanimously Approved**
- Coaches'/Board Gear - Brian
  - Should the board pay for coaches' gear and board gear this season?
    - Brian suggested that the board order Cage jackets for coaches (up to 4 per team) and ¼ zip long sleeves for board members.
    - Cost for both would be roughly \$2,000
    - This expense was not included in budget and need to vote to approve additional expense
  - **Motion:** Does board approve purchasing coaches' gear up to 4 coaches and board member gear this season?
    - **Unanimously Approved**
  - Brian to reach out to coaches and board members for sizing
- School Carnival Volunteers - Jeremy
  - VAA Board hosts a booth at area elementary schools if any board members are interested use the sign up link below.
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A4A728A4FB6-2022>

### **Fundraising Update - Joe**

- Raised \$6,129 to date; campaign ends April 18th
  - Alli to send out final notice mid-next week
- 50 families have signed into Snap Raise site
  - 2021 split between fundraiser and buyout was roughly 50/50
- Budgeted to raise \$15,000
- Buyout checks due at uniform pick up

### **Uniforms - Brian**

- Order placed and should arrive April 21st
- \$3,800 uniforms and \$2,000 for hats
- Uniform pick-up – Chris and Joe need to collect volunteer and fundraiser checks at pick-up

### **Tournaments Registrations - Jess**

- 12A - registered for 3 tournaments; Jess emailed 12A coach to see if they wanted to add another
- 9AA - registered for 5 tournaments
- 14/15A and 15AAA - will be a joint for a 15AAA tournament due to 8th graders participating in school DC trip

### **AV Tournament - Alli**

- Registration closes April 15th; currently 68 teams
- Consolidation plan - 11A tournament (handout)
  - After discussion, board agreed to host an 11A - 4 team tournament at JCRPW
    - Currently 3 teams registered. Alli to email and advertise one spot at \$200 (50% off)
      - Will do the same for 10A to get a 6th team
    - Will offer light concessions (beverages, candy, etc) at JCRPW
    - Alli to contact city with updated site information
    - Alli to contact Dan McGrath at Eastview regarding mound usage
    - Will need to get the VMS groomer to JCRPW and move mounds Friday from VMS to JCRPE
- Tourney Machine
  - Will be using app to communicate with coaches
  - Just waiting on a few more coaches' contact information
  - Coaches will need to upload roster information via link from Tourney Machine. Will print off rosters for check-in purposes
  - Admin duties (posting score and pitch counts – Alli and maybe Jeremy?)
- Already on website and will include information on welcome letter
  - Working on welcome letter draft
- Site Materials
  - Putting together bins and binders for all sites
- Game Schedules - first draft done for all age groups
  - Friday night games for all age groups; no Apple Valley teams are scheduled for Friday night
- Board Member Site Support

- VMS, JCRPE, and Legion - Mac, Brad, Joe
- JCRPW - Brian and Lonnie
- Quarry Point - Ryan
- High School and Hayes 7 - Chris
- Concessions - Jess
- Floater - Jeremy
- Umps - spoke to Tom Lattery
  - Alli will provide him with a game schedule as soon as it is finalized
  - Which games on Sunday do we request 2 umpers?
    - Request 2 umpers for all Sunday games
- Miscellaneous site needs
  - JCRPW - rakes, chalker/chalk, tape measure?
  - High School - golf cart? Who do we ask if we can use? Can any volunteer drive it?
- Volunteers - Chris
  - Chris, Ann, and Alli to meet to finalize volunteer requirements
  - Volunteer sign-up will go live after uniform pick up
- Concessions - Annie
  - Will need to purchase coolers for JCRPW beverages
- Suggest a Zoom meeting on Sunday, May 8th to finalize prep for the tournament

#### **Website/Communications - Alli**

- Upcoming communications/website - please send Alli exactly what you want sent out.

#### **Coaches' Clinic**

- April 16th, just trying to get as many coaches to attend as possible. Zach has the agenda ready, just need to get coaches there.
- Did we email out the Coaches' Handbook to coaches?
- Also, Zach asked if we were going to do a winter clinic. He said that if we wanted to do it we'd need to get it set up by late August/September.

#### **Mounds - Ryan**

- As of now, April 18th mound delivery per Steve Hansen
- Shed enhancements needed?
  - Mounds are longer than the ones we have
  - Ryan to take some measurements to see what changes need to be made
    - Will have to put out a volunteer request Association wide to see if we can get volunteers

#### **Equipment**

- Catcher gear, not much in reserve

#### **Fields - Brad**

- Box Contents - Supplies Needed? Might be short keys
- Batting Cage Nets – Need a Date to set up

- Brad to email coaches and board members to get a date next week
- Will need a ladder

### **Summer Camp - June 13 - 18**

- Planning/Owner – Need a volunteer to work with Sam Firpo
  - Any board members interested reach out to Jeremy
  - Get some advertising out to area schools
- Apple Valley Eagle Baseball Camp (grades K-8) - July 11-15

### **Fall Baseball**

- Cancel AVTB Version? Only have 5 players signed up
- Mac to be in charge of Fall Baseball
- Will need to advertise more

### **Coaches' Newsletter**

- Jeremy to draft and send to Coaches on April 12th; if you have items to add, send to Jeremy
  - Coaches' Clinic reminder; assistant coaches are also invited
  - Reimbursement for TeamSnap
  - Brian to send info regarding coach gear to Coaches
  - Concussion and Safe Sport requirements to be sent by VAA

**Motion to Adjourn - Brian Ames**

**Motion Seconded - Alli Weaver**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm**